

Gimme Shelter

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Black Tie & Tails Ball



Animal Care & Control hosted its annual Homeward Bound event, the "Black Tie & Tails Ball" on Saturday, September 20, and it proved to be one of the most successful pet adoption days in the history of the Department!

Thirty three animals found new homes during the 12 hour adoption marathon— 8 dogs, 23 cats, and 2 chinchillas! The Department also distributed **61** vouchers for free spay/neuter surgery to Loudoun County residents, helping to ensure that less

unwanted puppies and kittens are born in the coming years.

Visitors to the event walked the red carpet to the front door of the Shelter, and were greeted by staff and volunteers dressed in their finest. Not to be outdone, the dogs all sported bow ties and the cats glittered in rhinestone collars. In addition to adoptions, visitors enjoyed gourmet treats, sparkling cider, and special gifts for their four-legged friends.

A great time was had by all, and most importantly, many animals found wonderful, loving homes. Thank you to everyone who attended!

(right) The cat adoption area was standing room only as 23 kitties found new homes in 12 hours!



(above) Visitors were treated to a number of goodies & giveaways!



(below) Nellie waits patiently in her bowtie to meet her adopters.



Upcoming Events



October is gearing up to be a busy month for Animal Care & Control. We'll be out and about at several community events this month, including:

- **Saturday, October 11** we are honored to be part of an equine informational program and fundraiser at Riverside Equestrian Center in Bluemont. There will be lots of horse-related activities and speakers, plus some great raffles and a silent auction. Animal Control will be presenting information on equine rescue and laws pertaining to horses.
- Also on **Saturday, October 11**, we will be at SterlingFest outside the Sterling Community Center. Visit our booth to learn more about Shelter programs and services.
- October's **Furry Friday** promises to be a howling good time on **Friday, October 24**. Stop by to visit with pets available for adoption dressed in their Halloween best, and get some treats for you and your four legged friends.

For a complete list of October events, visit www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Volunteer Apprentice Program

Animal Care & Control is pleased to announce a new volunteer position for children under 16 years old. The Volunteer Apprentice Position welcomes children between the ages of 10 and 15 and their parent to volunteer. The position will provide the opportunity for Loudoun's youth to help homeless animals in their community while spending quality time with their parent!

Each Apprentice must be accompanied by their parent or guardian during all of their volunteer activities. The Volunteer Apprentice and parent will learn basic animal handling skills and compassion during

their volunteer activities.

If you and your child are interested in joining the Volunteer Apprentice program, please submit an application online at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

We also get a large number of requests for assistance with service projects from school and community groups. If your child is looking for a project idea, visit our website at www.loudoun.gov/animals. Click on "Volunteers" on the left hand side of the page, and scroll down to the link "Youth Service Learning: Animal Care" for a comprehensive list of projects courtesy of the Humane Society of the United States.



Employee of the Month

Angela Chan is September's Employee of the Month! Angela has been an Animal Control Officer since 2005, and she is a great asset to the Department.

Her patience, compassion, and commitment to excellence were especially apparent in her recent work on a complicated and difficult cruelty investigation and livestock seizure. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others with their work and promoting a team spirited environment is highly

commendable. Her efforts and work ethic have a direct impact on the entire operation and demonstrates her dedication and commitment towards both the animals and citizens of the County.

Thank you Angela for all you do!



Congratulations Angela!

What We're Up To...

Dog License Changes Coming

2009 will be bringing big changes to dog licenses in Loudoun County, in an effort to make the process easier for citizens and employees alike. Licenses will be available to be purchased for up to 3 years (depending on the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccine), and permanent, stainless steel tags will be issued. Stay tuned to the next issue of *Gimme Shelter*, or visit our website, for all the details!

Columbus Day

The Animal Shelter will be **closed** on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day. Emergency Animal Control services are available by calling 703-777-0445.

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

The American Humane Association has declared October to be **Adopt a Shelter Dog Month**. If you're thinking of a canine companion, this is the perfect time to adopt. Visit us today!

